CHAPTER 427

(Senate Bill 374)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 563 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "Receiving Stolen Goods, Money or Securities", relating to the offense of receiving stolen money, goods, or chattels under the value of \$100.00 and changing the penalties for such offense.

SECTION 1. Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 563 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Receiving Stolen Goods, Money or Securities", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

(a) Every person who shall be convicted of the crime of receiving any stolen money, goods or chattels, under the value of Twenty-five One Hundred Dollars, knowing the same to be stolen or of the crime of receiving any bond, bill obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money, bank note, paper bill of credit, or certificate granted by or under the authority of this State, or the United States, or any of them, under the value of Twenty-five One Hundred Dollars, knowing the same to be stolen, shall restore such money, goods or chattels or things taken and received to the owner thereof or make restitution to the value of the whole or such part thereof as shall not be restored and being thereof convicted he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than [Fifty] Two Hundred Dollars or imprisoned for not more than Teighteen months] three years in the House of Correction or jail, or both fined and imprisoned: provided that all actions or prosecutions hereunder shall be commenced within two years after the commission of said offense. And said receiver may be prosecuted and punished although the principal offender or offenders shall not have been convicted, and although such receiver shall have received such money, goods, or chattels, or things from a person other than the person by whom such money, goods, or chattels or things shall have been stolen.

EXPLANATION: Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.